









NAUTICAL ITEMS.

A new form of steam pump, for service on board ship, is being introduced. It can pump 800 tons of water per hour, and is easily dismounted, according to the number of the boiler. It is thought that had an arrangement of this kind been on board the *Fingard* that ship might have been saved.

An incident, which is of a little significance to the efficiency of the British Navy at this moment, is mentioned in a letter from Hester Bay. With a view to ascertaining the time that would be occupied in bringing one of our iron-clad into action, the Admiral directed a "turn out" in the middle of the night without any previous warning. The command was promptly obeyed, the whole ship being alerted for action and the first gun fired within seven minutes from the time the alarm was sounded.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Sailors' Home, on the 10th November, Admiral Rial, commander-in-chief, said if England was brought into action with any foreign nation to-morrow, and it appeared not impossible that such might be the case, the sailors would be the first to be called upon to fight, and it was the duty of every sailor to be prepared to do so at any moment.

Admiral Rial, who is a native of the County of Devon, and who has been in the service of the Admiralty for many years, is a man of a high character, and his speech was well received by the sailors.

DEATH OF AN ANCIENT MAORI.

A celebrated Maori chief, named Te Kahi, an old native of the North Island, died at Omakau, the Poles Maki says this morning, from old age. He was about 100 years of age, and his death was a great loss to the Maori people. He was a brave and noble chief, and his death was mourned by all the Maori people.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

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For Sale.

SALE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE

HONGKONG.

FURTHER ARRIVAL OF WINTER GOODS

FROM THE EAST AND WEST INDIES.

Vessels Adversely Affecting.

THE SOUTHERN IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwriter, having been appointed Agent in Hongkong for the above-named Company, is prepared to GRANT POLICIES of Insurance on the following terms:

Vessels on the Berth.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Shipping Agents and Passengers at through rates for HANKOW, NINGPO, and POON.

Post-Office Notifications.

For Hongkong—Per sailing ship, to-day, the 11th instant, at 3:30 A.M.

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